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SUBJECT: ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR ROMANIAN FISHING OFF  
US NORTH AND MID-ATLANTIC COASTS FOR 1978

REF: STATE 286064

1. FIVE DAYS AFTER APPOINTMENT REQUESTED, COMATT WAS ABLE TO ADVISE THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (LEGAL DIRECTORATE, COUNSELOR SAULESCU) AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL THAT ROMANIA'S QUOTA FOR FISHING OFF US NORTH AND MID-ATLANTIC COASTS IN 1978 WAS ZERO. SAULESCU EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND DISAPPOINTMENT AT LACK OF US FISHING QUOTA FOR ROMANIA IN 1978. HE WAS NOT SOOTHED BY EXPLANATION BASED ON INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL. (SAULESCU CLAIMED THAT MFA HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION ON THE US DECISION FROM THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.) HE LABELED US ACTION AS ONE OF NON-COOPERATION WITH ROMANIA IN AN IMPORTANT AREA, WHICH WAS ALSO A SOURCE  
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OF FOOD SUPPLY TO THE LOCAL POPULATION. SAULESCU ACCUSED THE US OF TAKING THE SAME RESTRICTIVE MEASURES ON FOREIGN FISHING AS HAD THE EC. COMATT SAID US FISHING QUOTA FOR ROMANIA IN 1978 WAS BASED ON FACT THAT US SCIENTISTS BELIEVED ATLANTIC MACKEREL STOCKS OFF US NORTH AND MID-ATLANTIC COASTS WERE SEVERELY DEPLETED AND THAT SMALL 1,200 METRIC TON QUOTA ALLOWED FOR ALL FOREIGN FISHING IN THESE WATERS HAD BEEN

DIVIDED ON A PRO-RATA BASIS BASED ON HISTORICAL FISHING LEVELS. ADDITIONALLY, COMATT REFERRED TO TEMPORARY BAN IN LATE 1960'S OF FISHING OFF PERUVIAN COAST, WHICH WAS IMPOSED TO ALLOW DEPLETED ANCHOVY STOCKS TO BE REPLENISHED. COMATT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ATLANTIC MACKEREL STOCKS MIGHT BE SUFFICIENT IN FUTURE TO ALLOW LARGER SCALE FISHING TO BE RESMED.

2. COMMENT. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, GOR HAS IN RECENT YEARS INVESTED HEAVILY IN BUILDING UP A RELATIVELY LARGE AND MODERN FISHING FLEET. THIS BUILDUP HAS OCCURRED AT A TIME WHEN MORE AND MORE COUNTRIES HAVE EXTENDED MARITIME ECONOMIC ZONES TO 200 MILES AND PLACED INCREASING RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN FISHING IN THESE ZONES. GIVEN THIS BACKGROUND, SAULESCU'S EXPRESSION OF CHAGRIN AT US ACTION ON ROMANIAN FISHING QUOTA WAS PREDICTABLE AND IS PROBABLY NOT THE LAST WE HAVE HEARD FROM THE GOR ON THIS SUBJECT. IT IS TRUE THAT THE TOTAL FIGURES INVOLVED ARE SMALL TO THE POINT OF BEING INSIGNIFICANT; THE TOTAL QUOTA IN 1977 WAS 1,400 TONS; THE TOTAL ESTIMATED QUOTA FOR 1978 WAS ONLY SOME 500 TONS. HOWEVER, IN GOR VIEW, A QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE IS INVOLVED. THE GOR CASE IS LIKELY TO HINGE CENTRALLY ON THE FACT THAT AS AN LDC, "NEW TO THE MARKET" AS FAR AS FISHING IS CONCERNED, IT IS BEING TREATED BADLY BY A BIG POWER. END COMMENT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: BECAUSE WE ANTICIPATE HIGHER LEVEL GOR REPRESENTATION TO US ON THE LACK OF A ROMANIAN FISHING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QUOTA OFF THE US NORTH AND MID-ATLANTIC COASTS FOR 1978, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ADDITIONAL TALKING POINTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT.  
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